The Medical Staff provides professional support patterned to the specific requirements of the various components of the Agency. The professional and support personnel include physicians, psychiatrists, nurses, medical technicians and medical administrative personnel. This regular staff is assisted when required by professional consultant specialists in the Washington area and throughout the United States. Medical support is also extended to overseas stations, several of which are staffed by Agency physicians and technicians.

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Through a program of regular and periodic physical and psychiatric examinations, the Medical Staff establishes the physical and emotional suitability of employees for the many types of positions and areas of assignments on a world-wide basis. Since the demands of these positions are frequently unique within the Government, the criteria and evaluation used by our physicians must be individualized. Every effort is made to qualify employees appropriately in order to ensure maximum utilization of manpower without compromising the best interests of the employee or the Agency.

A preventive medicine program is established and maintained for the purpose of (1) conducting medical evaluations as required, (2) conducting preventive health programs, (3) providing for the referral of employees to competent physicians of their own selection, and (4) providing treatments for on-the-job illness or injuries requiring emergency medical care.

In addition to its basic function of providing for medical examination and treatment as authorized, the Medical Staff furnishes consultative advice and assistance to the operational elements of the Agency. This may range from the establishment of a complete medical installation to providing a small first aid kit for an agent.

A considerable amount of scientific research and constant liaison with other Government and private medical organizations is continually being carried on by the Medical Staff in order to provide the degree of advice frequently required by the operational people.

In carrying out its assigned mission, the Medical Staff maintains a personnel organization of approximately

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## MEDICAL STAFF BUDGET SUMMARY (Piscal Year 1955 - Estimate)

